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SUBJ: ANTI-HIJACKING AND AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFERENCED MESSAGES AND INQUIRIES FROM GON, EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE TO GON ON MARCH 4, 1974, OUTLINING TYPES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN U.S. IN FIELD OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY. EMBASSY ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION AND COST DATA ON FAA COURSES OFFERED AT FAA ACADEMY IN OKLAHOMA CITY. WE HAVE ONLY NOW RECEIVED REPLY FROM GON IN FORM OF NOTE WHICH REQUESTS SCHOLARSHIPS FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT TO COVER COSTS OF ANTI-HIJACKING AND AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM. (COPY OF GON NOTE AND OUR NOTE BEING AIRPOUCHED.)

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF GON NOTE, EMBASSY CALLED APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE TYPE OF TRAINING IN WHICH GON WAS INTERESTED. WE WERE TOLD THAT GON WAS INTERSTED IN PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ENABLE OFFICIALS TO (A) OBSERVE U.S. SECURITY PROGRAM IN OPERATION AT AIRPORTS IN U.S.; (B) VISIT VARIOUS SECURITY FACILITIES, SUCH AS EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CENTERS AND DOG TRAINING SITES; (C) ATTEND SECURITY TRAINING SEMINARS AT FAA'S ACADEMY IN OKLAHOMA CITY. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SOME PORTION AT LEAST OF GON REQUEST. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING IMPROVEMENT IN NEPAL'S CIVIL AVIATION PROCEDURES, AND AIRPORT AND AIRCRAFT SECURITY ARE CERTAINLY IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF OVERALL SAFETY PICTURE. SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN AIRPORT SECURITY IN KATHMANDU IN LAST TWO YEARS. WE THINK PART OF THIS DUE TO REPRESENTATIONS THAT WERE MADE BY BOEING AND EMBASSY TO HMG OFFICIALS. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY MUCH MORE THAT COULD BE DONE. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASCERTAINING IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY GON. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF THERE IS ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE OR TRAINING THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR A SENIOR OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH AIR WORTHINESS. WHILE TRIP TO U.S. TO OBSERVE PROCEDURES IN SITU WOULD BE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE WORTHWHILE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES OF HAVING U.S. SECURITY TEAM VISIT NEPAL FOR SHORT PERIOD TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION TO NEPALESE COUNTERPARTS. (IN THIS CONNECTION. WE ARE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH RESULTS FROM RECENT VISIT OF U.S. CUSTOMS TEAM. WHICH ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH NEPALESE OFFICIALS.) PLEASE ADVISE. QUAINTON

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